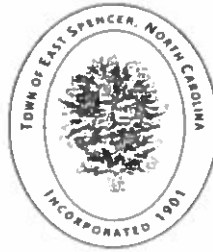


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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023, 6:30 PM
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
INVOCATION	PASTOR
SCRIPTURE	PASTOR
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET

Present: *Mayor Barbara Mallett Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Alderman Albert Smith, Alderman Dwayne Holmes, Alderman Curtis Cowan, Alderman George B. Jackson, Alderwoman Deloris High. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk, ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.*

Absent:

A motion was made to approve the agenda with additional add of Mayor Pro Tem position by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith.

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on November 13, 2023.

A motion was made to approve November regular minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT Please note that comments shall be limited to five minutes and the Town Council reserves the right not to act on requests first presented this evening. ***Scott Shelton with Rowan EDC gave a quarterly update on how East Spencer and Rowan county is developing and growing. He stated that East Spencer is moving forward, activity level is high, and that development in East Spencer should keep coming. Scott and Rowan EDC appreciate all the support from the Town of East Spencer. Mayor Malett had a few questions and comments.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Mayor and Alderpersons

Re-Elected and newly elected officials will receive the oath of office. Sworn into office: Mayor Mallett, Alderwoman Deloris High, Alderman George B. Jackson and Alderman Curtis Cowan.

A brief 10-minute break was granted for pictures and refreshments.

Mr. Douglas continued the meeting with an introduction to the new public works supervisor, Joshua Smith.

2. Public Hearing for Variance

A motion was made to open the public hearing by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderwoman High. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Douglas informed the Mayor and Board of Alderman that Sheetz is working with Tectonic Development to establish a 10-acre truck stop located within East Spencer. Due to the location of the proposed project, a variance is being requested for the signage that would be visible from I-85. The town then proceeded with a public hearing so that residents could voice their concerns or support for the proposed variance. Mayor Mallett asked if there were any public comments. No one spoke for or against the variance. A motion was made to close the public hearing by Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Key to the Town Policy

Mr. Douglas explains there are several ways in which a municipality can recognize its residents, events, or businesses. Currently, the Town of East Spencer can only honor individuals with the naming convention of an unimproved road. Many municipalities use Proclamations, Key to the Town, and Certificates of Recognition to honor individuals, groups, businesses, or events. Policy: 23-01 will allow the Mayor and Town Council more avenues to acknowledge its residents, businesses, groups, or events. After explaining the policy, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Alderman Pay Schedule

A motion was made to approve the 2024 alderman pay by Alderwoman High; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

5. 2024 Calendar Schedules

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Calendar schedule by Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was made to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule by Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Board Retreat for February 28th and 29th by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

6. 2024 Appointments to TAC and TCC

Each year the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requires the MPO to provide a list of representatives along with alternates for the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Cabarrus-Rowan Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). A motion was made to appoint TAC: Deloris High, TCC: Curtis Cowan, Alternate: George B. Jackson by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Centralina 2024 Delegate Appointments

Each Year the board appoints a board member to represent the town with Centralina. A motion was made to approve Mayor Pro Tem Rush as the delegate and Alderman Cowan as an alternate by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.


8. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem


A motion was made to appoint Curtis Cowan as Mayor Pro Tem by past Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.

9. Manager Comments

10. Council Comments

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett


ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk